

**JUST A COMMON 22 HEADSTAMP.**

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The ICI-in-arrow headstamp was introduced by Imperial Chemicals Industries in 1926 and remained in general use by that British manufacturer, and by their Australian subsidiary ICIANZ from 1938, until discontinued by both about 1962. From 1947 until about 1962 the Australian plant supplied primed cases with this headstamp to the New Zealand Colonial Ammunition Company to be loaded for the domestic market. No other company is known to have used the headstamp, but it is understood that some early British-loaded cases were produced in France. It follows that with such a long period of use there is an abundance of bunter variation. The following are a few more-obvious examples:



Those headstamps in the first row all use a rounded C and include variation of the arrow shaft, barb angle, and lettering. The first two are British examples and the remaining two are Australian. The last headstamp, with broad letters, square barbs and tapering shaft is found only in some 1938 MAXIMUM boxes and is thought to be among the earliest produced by the Australian company.

Those headstamps in the second row have the more familiar stylised ICI letters and include variation of the arrow shaft and barb angle, with the lettering crammed left, central, or right. Again the first is British and the remaining three are Australian, the last being produced by a worn bunter.

The lower example is more unusual with raised dots left & right of the lettering. These were found in a pre-WWII British ICI EXPRESS box and the cases may be of French origin.

Recorded only from photos and probably an optical illusion is an example with raised arrow head and impressed letters, but further examples likely exist.



The two ICI boxes mentioned above.